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AFTER FINAL RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Official Action mailed September 26, 2005, has been received and its contents carefully noted. Filed concurrently herewith is a *Request for One Month Extension of Time*, which extends the shortened statutory period for response to January 26, 2006. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that this response is being timely filed.

The Applicant notes with appreciation the consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements filed on April 26, 2004; and July 15, 2005.

Claims 2-21 were pending in the present application, of which claims 2, 7, 12 and 17 are independent. For the reasons set forth in detail below, all claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Paragraph 2 of the Official Action rejects claims 2-21 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the combination of claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,805,941 to Hayashi; claims 1-97 of U.S. Patent No. 5,989,672 to Hayashi; and claims 1-27 of U.S. Patent No. 5,637,373 to Hayashi, and U.S. Patent No. 5,614,314 to Itoh et al.